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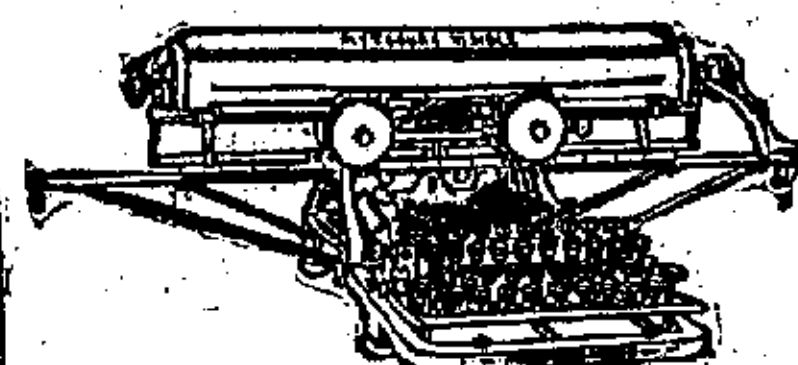
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PEACE for the Colony will be held at the
MAGISTRACY, at 2.15 P.M., on TUESDAY,
the 8th April, 1909, for the purpose of
considering the following applications under the
Liquor Licenses Ordinances 1898 and 1908.

1. From one FENG WUN MAI for an
Adjunct License to sell by retail
intoxicating liquors on premises
Nos. 1 and 3 and the 2nd floor of
No. 5, Belcher Street, Kennedy
Town, Hongkong, and the 1st and
2nd floors of No. 1 and the 1st
floor of Nos. 3 and 4, Prater's
The Strand Hotel.

2. From one CHAM SENG for per-
mission to remove the business now
carried on by him under a Publican's
License on premises numbered 285
and 286, Queen's Road Central,
under the sign of 'The German
Tavern' to premises numbered 20,
Connaught Road Central.

W. H. H. H. H.
HONGKONG, March 26, 1909.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
will be held at the Club House,
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T. RAMBAY,
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Hongkong, March 26, 1909.

NOTICE

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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

EDINBURGH, February 19.

AN INDIAN AGITATOR.

A Bengali Nationalist leader, Dabu Bopla Chandra Paul, made two speeches in Edinburgh which have aroused much indignation. At the dinner of the Indian Association, a body consisting of some seventy natives of India attending Edinburgh University, there were a number of guests, among them Sir Thomas R. Fraser and Dr. Barbour, who respectively proposed the toast of "The Association" and "India." The Bengali rose and said that in consequence with his feelings, and asked his Indian comrades "not to toast it but to consecrate their young lives to the country," and much else to the same effect. Upon this incident an Edinburgh newspaper comments: "That natives of any country should maintain the tenderest feelings of affection for their native land is a sentiment inborn in the Indian mind, and needs no University cultivation; but in this case they had University leaders, whom they invited to their guests in lines of Western hospitality, and if they contemplated any change in ordinary customs, this should have been intimated to them beforehand." On the following evening, at another meeting, the same Bengali Nationalist made a bitter attack on British rule in India.

MARRIAGES.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Lord Dalmeid, eldest son of the Earl of Rosebery, and Miss Dorothy Grosvenor, youngest daughter of Lord Henry Grosvenor. Lord Dalmeid is twenty-seven years of age, and is looked upon as one of the most eligible bachelors in the country. He is heir to a great title and great wealth, for in addition to the great family estates of the Primroses, his mother, who was daughter and heiress of Baron Meyer Rothschild, brought her husband a very large fortune, including Mentmore Towers, a magnificent seat in Bucks. Miss Grosvenor is nineteen years of age, has many accomplishments, and is a popular member of Society. Her father is a son of the first Duke of Westminster, and is one of the many uncles of the present peer. For some time he was Private Secretary to the late Mr. W. H. Smith, and was also in the North-West Division of Civil Service. Her mother was born, daughter of the late Mr. James Erskine Wemyss, M.P., a kinsman of the Earl of Wemyss, and died in 1894, after seven years of married life. The marriage will mean the alliance of two famous houses. The Primroses and Grosvenors are on opposite sides in politics. A marriage has been arranged, and will take place early in March, between Mr. John D. Murray, M.A., of Christchurch, Island, Indian Ocean, and Miss Boly M'Kicken, second daughter of Mr. H. G. M'Kicken, Agent in London of the Great Northern Railway.

Married, at Adelaide House, Rothsay, on 12th February, William Cunningham Lang, C.E., late of Liverpool, to Theodora Emily, second daughter of the late Thomas George Eade, M.D., Singapore, and Mrs. Sophia Hill, Rothsay. They will hold their "at home" at 36 Laurier Road, Edinburgh.

GENERAL NEWS.

Dumbarton Castle, that old "stronghold of Scotland," is not to be altogether abandoned, as was once time feared. In a communication from the War Office, it is stated that the Army Council are in full sympathy with the local wish for its retention in connection with the forces of the Crown. They appreciate the hold which this old Castle has on the affections of the Scottish people, and although under modern conditions the retention of the ancient military status of the castle is unfortunate, they are of opinion that it would be highly impracticable, the Council would be glad to see a quasi-military occupation on some such lines as those advocated, provided that a workable scheme could be formulated. The suggestion is that the Castle should be used as a soldiers' sanatorium.

The subscription to the memorial to Lord Morris, "the Grand Old Man of Golf," has reached £200; and Mr. Lorimer, R.S.A., has been asked to advise the Committee at St. Andrews upon what shape the memorial should take.

The Dr. Cameron Lines of St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, one of His Majesty's Chaplains in Scotland, and a well-known figure in ecclesiastical life, intimates his intention of retiring, owing to advanced age.

The trustees of the late Mr. James Dick, Glasgow, have allocated £211,500 out of his estate to Scottish charities, 180 institutions sharing in the bequest.

Major H. C. Macdonald, R.G.A., from Edinburgh, Hongkong, Singapore, and other parts of the world, has been appointed to command of No. 21 Company at Leith.

Sir Walter Thompson, woollen manufacturer, for twenty years United Nations member for Fife and Perth, has left £118,000 for the benefit of the Scotch people.

The London Scottish has had many up and downs. More than any other corps in the Metropolitan Police, it is subject to fluctuations of bank clerks and others who simply leave the corps on their way to appointments in the City, the Far East, and the Colonies. As a result it is "up" occupying the proud position of being the first corps in the country to reach their annual strength of 150 men, and is able to take part in a recruiting march, through South London, and the reception of the Scots at various points, was more like that of a regiment from war than the usual friendly greeting to a battalion engaged in a peaceful parade in their own city. It was not a week ago that it was a detachment. They were this 150 under strength, and in three days the number was made good, and something to spare, without making the physical standard of the Scots, which is somewhat higher than that required generally for the Metropolitan Police.

The Scots are for the construction of the main part of the dock and other works at the Victoria Dock, and the new Scots have been in the dock since the 1st inst. The Scots are for the construction of the main part of the dock and other works at the Victoria Dock, and the new Scots have been in the dock since the 1st inst.

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Amoy, March 18, 1909.

G. W. BARTON,
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day of April, 1909, at 11.30 o'clock A.M.
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a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
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SHAW, TOMES & CO.,
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THE CHINA-BURNEO COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY YEAR

HANKOW STEAMER TRAGEDY.

MANY LIVES LOST.

(Wah Tsai Yee Po's Service.)

Peking, March 27.
As the steamer Lei Han was proceeding on her way from Hankow to Wang She Kong, on the 25th inst., her boiler exploded and over 50 people were killed or injured.

CANTON'S TARTAR GENERAL.

(Wah Tsai Yee Po's Service.)

Peking, March 27.
Tsang Kf, the newly appointed Tartar General in Canton, left Shanghai on the morning of the 26th for Canton.

TO ERADICATE OPIUM.

MORE DRASTIC MEASURES PROPOSED.

(Wah Tsai Yee Po's Service.)

Peking, March 26.
It has been decided that opium must be eradicated from China by the end of the 3rd year of Hsuan Tung. From the 4th year of Hsuan Tung onwards the secret sale of opium will be punished in the same way as is done in the case of the illegal sale of arms and ammunition—decapitation, banishment, or life imprisonment.

CHINESE RAILWAY LOANS.

GERMANY OFFERS EASIER TERMS.

(Wah Tsai Yee Po's Service.)

Peking, March 27.
H.E. Chang Chih-tung having strongly opposed the condition in the proposed loan convention for the northern section of the Canton-Hankow railway, which provided that English materials be used and an English Chief Engineer appointed, the German offer of a loan on the same terms as the Tientsin-Chung Railway loan, was accepted instead and a convention is about to be concluded.

OUR NAVAL VISITORS.

Letters of Thanks from American and French Admirals.

The following expressions of thanks have been received by Sir Paul Chater, President of the Entertainment Committee, in connection with the visit of the American Squadron:—

Office of Third Squadron Commander, United States Pacific Fleet, U.S.S. Charleston, Flagship, Hongkong, China, March 26, 1909.

My Dear Sir,
On the eve of sailing, and bidding farewell to Hongkong and its hospitable people, I feel that I must say a word to those who have extended to us such a courteous and hearty welcome, and who, not content with that, have made special efforts to make us enjoy every hour of our stay, whether ashore or afloat.

We all feel most deeply grateful for every word and deed that has borne the stamp of what can best be termed as "Brotherly Love." In particular, do we feel grateful for the splendid manner in which the enlisted force has been taken into your hearts and minds. The hospitality extended to them throughout the friendly competition in sports, the special care paid to the inner man, as well as the outer, have cemented friendships which, I think, will live for ever, and like a good tree, will bring forth good fruit for all time.

I beg to thank you and your coworkers who have achieved such a splendid success. We thank also all the people of Hongkong, Army, Naval and Civil, who have made our visit so delightful and made us feel really at home in Peking. Hsiao-tung, in such manner as you may deem best, since we are thankful to the officers and men of our Squadron to those who have given so many bright pages in our book of life.

With the sincere hope that the friendships made may be renewed many and many times in the future, I remain,

Sincerely and gratefully, yours,

OSCAR B. HADEN,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Commander of Third Squadron,
U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Sir Paul Chater,
Chairman of
Entertainment Committee,
Hongkong, China.

A bord de l'Entarcassat,
Hongkong, le 26 mars 1909.

Monsieur le President,

Avant de quitter Hongkong, je tiens a vous exprimer nos bien vifs remerciements pour l'aimable hospitalite que vous avez faite a nos freres de nos camarades americains. Croyez bien que nous en porterons la meilleure souvenir de notre voyage a Hongkong, et que nous sommes fiers de vous en avoir fait.

Yeuillez agréer, Monsieur le President, les assurances de notre haute consideration.

Cordialement, A. L. FRAZER

CHAMBERLAIN'S OIL, CHOLERA AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY.

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RAMBLING NOTES.

Memories of my far-off boyhood surged up and almost overwhelmed me when I read the cables telling of Lieut. Shackleton's achievements in the Antarctic region. One of the earliest books of adventures which ever fell in my predatory way was an account of the heroic attempts of Sir John Franklin to solve the mystery of the polar seas. Most boys at some time or other have fierce desire to leave the quiet humdrum of home and embark on adventures in unknown lands that will bring them fame and glory. As I read Sir John Franklin's heroic story I made up my mind that I would be an Arctic explorer and would do my best to beat the Union Jack on the most inaccessible peak that was to be found in the very farthest north. Alas and alack, the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts and in the great majority of cases the day dream which they conjure up never materialize in actual life. Now I have "come to forty years," I shudder at the mere thought of blizzards, snow-drifts and ice-packs—the Arctic or Antarctic exploration for me!

But this notwithstanding I am proud that a countryman of mine should have got so far "down South" as Shackleton has done. It proves that there is grit left in the race and that the latter-day descendants of grim old Martin Robbisher and the Elizabethan sea-dogs are worthy to clasp hands with him and then across the misty centuries.

The sports and baseball matches at Happy Valley during the past week have afforded excellent opportunities for fraternizing with the officers and men of the American Squadron. In his quiet way Hongkong entertained the sailor men in a thoroughly British fashion and I fancy our visitors enjoyed themselves, for I heard nothing but the kindest expressions falling from the lips of Uncle Sam's boys on the several occasions on which my steps took me into their breezy company.

The military tattoo on Thursday night was a pretty spectacle. The brilliantly illuminated Club House and the harbour lights on one side, the hills behind twinkling as it were with myriad glowworms, and the darkened square where the evolution took place, created a *faux* ensemble hard to beat anywhere for picturesqueness and effective setting. Perhaps the affair was over too soon—we still fondly remember the famous farwell tattoo which the Middlesex regiment gave us—but then we must not forget that the Buffs have not been with us long and the tattoo was arranged at short notice. Personally I was very well satisfied and I don't think we should institute comparisons.

The music to which the soldiers marched most appropriately reproduced several well-known American airs and thus increased the compliment which the Buffs were paying the American visitors. Visitors did it. It seemed over the week closed that they were part and parcel of ourselves no more have the ties of regard and friendship been drawn. But talking of appropriate music reminds me of an item in an Indian paper that Ben Hur had not always hit upon the right selection for certain occasions. The other day in Calcutta, at a wedding breakfast, the bride had just risen to "cut the cake," when the band in the room on which she stood, an Indian paper that Ben Hur had not always hit upon the right selection for certain occasions. The other day in Calcutta, at a wedding breakfast, the bride had just risen to "cut the cake," when the band in the room on which she stood, an Indian paper that Ben Hur had not always hit upon the right selection for certain occasions.

So New Zealand has offered and the Old Comers have accepted from her a new Dreadnought. Truly the Dauntless Sister rises nobly to the occasion and the "old grey Mother" is very proud of them. She has been a lark and at times unsympathetic parent, but what do you expect from the Commonwealth Overseas? She has been a lark and at times unsympathetic parent, but what do you expect from the Commonwealth Overseas?

There is no doubt about it but that the Buffs are indeed a crack regiment. In their ranks are keen devotees of practically every form of sport. We well remember the model little race meeting arranged recently and which was a decidedly good echo of the Jockey Club's big effort. Then we think of the remarkable successes secured by the Regimental football team, the prowess of the officers in cricket, polo, and tennis, and the strong body of athletes of which the regiment can boast, foremost amongst whom is Lance-Corporal Andrews, the crack quarter and half-mile runner. In minor sports, the Buffs occupy a leading position, as the fine coast recently given amply testified. Truly Hongkong has much cause to feel thankful at being able to quarter such a body of men.

Shop windows occasionally provide us with amusement by reason of the quaint notices which are sometimes seen in conspicuous places. And here in Hongkong one often comes across something to tickle the humour in this direction. But a home shopkeeper bids fair to outstrip all other rivals, unconscious of competing or otherwise, if the story told by Sir H. von Harkomer, who was recently guest at the Author's Club, is true. He stated that in London he once saw the products of a famous picture being offered for sale. The original was the work of a well-known sea painter, and was called "The Coming Storm." Under this title, in large type, the advertisement ran: "Suitable for a wedding present." Unless, if appropriate, wasn't it?

Because the back of her neck had been tickled by the brim of a Merry Widow hat worn by a woman who sat behind her in a subway train in New York's crowded thoroughfares, a woman rose and, using her hands for the job, tried to wrench the hat from the head of her neighbor. A fight ensued between the ladies, and before they could be parted one of the plumes on the Merry Widow hat had been ripped off, a white hair had been pulled out, and two brunettes were had become separated from the rest of the hair worn by one of the young women. When the fight was over, the woman who had been tickled by the brim of a Merry Widow hat was found to be a woman who had been tickled by the brim of a Merry Widow hat.

Some of the smaller provincial papers in England often unconsciously supply that touch of humour which ordinarily lacking in their weightier contemporaries. It crops up in the most unexpected places, even in the advertisement columns, as witness the following taken from a Kentish paper:

I, John Smith, of—, hereby give notice that I will be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Mary Smith, after this date.

The response of the lady in the following week ran: "I, Mary Smith, of—, beg to say that I have never run my husband into debt; but I hope he has paid his own debts from the proceeds of the sale of my furniture."

It can be understood that a lady with so neat a power of repartee would brighten matrimonial life.

RAMBLER.

MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA.

Mr. Evan Ormiston, manager of the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, has today received a telegram from the head office stating that at the forthcoming general meeting of shareholders of the Bank the directors will recommend a dividend of 6% per annum, on "A and B" shares free of income tax; that £40,000 will be added to the reserve fund, raising it to £250,000; £2,000 added to the officers pension fund and £25,500 will be carried forward.

AMOIY NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

AMOIY, March 24.

SHIPPING.

The s.s. Hong Bee left on the 20th inst. with nearly 1,300 passengers for Swatow and the Straits.

The Blue Funnel s.s. Laertes left the same day with some 1,800 passengers.

CHINESE NEWS.

I hear that the Amoy factor has not been actually dismissed, but only suspended. He is accused by the Government of still being an Opium smoker, and has been ordered to proceed to Peking and stand his trial on this charge. He will probably have to leave on the 7th of the Chinese month, and has been fairly popular among the common people. Several reforms have been started during his tenure of office, but they have all fallen through, owing to lack of support by the central Government. The Taoist spent 14 years in Japan, and writes Japanese.

EDUCATIONAL.

The Anglo-Chinese College on Kowloon is in a flourishing condition, and has this term as many pupils as it can hold. The Throatist visited the school yesterday, and distributed prizes and medals to the students. Skirmishing practice on the hills was also indulged in and was watched with much interest by the Taoist.

COMMERCIAL.

Messrs. Verron and Smyth's share reported dated March 26th, states:—

Business has been quieter during the past week and rates in many cases show a further decline, though at the close a fairly steady tone prevailed. Bar silver has declined to 95.4, and silver exchange to 181.1. T. T. The T.T. rate on Shanghai has advanced to 75.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai have needed to 9300 sellers with a small transaction reported at 93. The London quotation remains quiet, and National Bank all quoted by buyers at 93.1.

Marine Insurance.—Business has languished, and sales are reported at the improved rate of 85.4, at which there are rather buyers. North China have been quoted at 100, and (small lot) at 100.10, closing with probable buyers at the former rate. Yangtze have been sold at 93.00 and Cants at 131.75, the latter closed in further request.

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REVIEWS.

Love and a Woman, by CHARLOTTE MARSHALL. London, W. W. Norton & Co.

Sir Ronald Hartley, M.P., as "his lay dying from the effects of a drug, self-administered, made a confession to Dr. Lloyd, his old Eton fog, concerning his relations with the doctor's cousin, whereupon the latter exclaimed:—"Great heavens, are no women to be held sacred? Eileen, Eileen, whom I thought so pure, too pure for even honourable passion! And you, you, whom I have been proud to call friend, why did you do this thing? This more than crime? It was not love: love is I understand it is a shield to guard a woman, not destroy. You have no excuse save brute passion. Surely there is a sufficiency of other women; women born to sin, used to sin, so used it ceases to be a sin but is rather a habit. Why not turn to them for your dissipation? But no; such men as you see that the sweetest, fairest flowers are the first to be gathered and killed. The haunting weeds by the wayside live on polluting the air. They are for the satisfaction of youths and provincials. The cultured man needs something more, and so he hunts down the pure, destroys the beautiful, and calls it love! Love! Ha, ha!"

Such was the tragedy of Eileen Marston, a beautiful young artist. But the sacrifice which she made for love was followed by Sir Ronald's amendment and we are led to expect that upon his exit from life she married her cousin. On the whole this very emotional story is not badly constructed. It certainly deals with the subject of love from a purely feminine point of view and for the same reason we suppose the delineation of certain men and women introduced in the course of the narrative is particularly morose. Eileen Marston for all her idealism and singleness of heart is rather a sickly heroine in comparison with her noble-hearted cousin.

The Adventures of Louis Blake by Louis Blake. London, T. Werner Laurie.

Had Mr. Louis Blake but a slight infusion of the divine afflatus in his mental make-up he would have had little difficulty in making this book one to be treasured by boys and men. Unfortunately he holds not the pen of a ready, much less an imaginative, writer and consequently many and many a fine situation loses half its point and more than half its interest. Louis Blake, his hero, lands in San Francisco from Australia after an adventurous sailing-ship voyage across the Pacific and almost immediately plunges into excitement and hair-brained escapades. He gets a job as supercargo on an American schooner running to Lower California and in the sequel of a mutiny in which all the officers save himself are killed, gets turned adrift in an open boat together with his passenger who has refused to share the mutineers' fates. He joined a whaler, peeped from her cabin into a trading schooner, takes part in arms-running into Samoa, "blackbirding" in the Pacific generally, sees a good deal of "Bully Hayes," and eventually reaches Australia to find his old schoolmate, Mr. Beck. Mr. Beck knows the Pacific and the lives led by the white traders, and having been one himself perhaps makes them out to be a finer set of men than they really are. We find him going on his own account for we hold with the old axiom that "it is a dirty bird which feeds its own nest." Boys will undoubtedly enjoy his last book, for it is devoid of any trace of the sentimental passion.

The Ways of Men, by Hsuan Tzu-wen. London, Mr. Fisher Unwin.

What complications can ensue upon a clandestine marriage! Miss Porteous, wife of Canon Porteous, ran away as a school-girl with a young naval officer. They were properly married at the Registrar's office and the husband a few days afterwards went to sea, where he was drowned subsequently with his ship. Meanwhile his child wife returned to school. In due course she had to seek the protection of a married sister, who passed off the little infant as her own. Years after the only son of a self-made Yorkshire peer falls in love with the girl, but by the skillful manipulations of the supposed mother he is inveigled into marrying the elder sister. This sister dies after a few years of married life and then young Harborton persuades Clarice to run away with him. They are married and go on at idyllic honeymoon. Meanwhile relatives are horrified for these were the days before the passing of the Deceased Wife's Sister's Bill. Attempts are made to persuade young Harborton to abandon Clarice, but his refusal and is disinherited by his father, who, however, inserts a clause in his will that his son can re-enter upon the property directly he can produce a "legitimate heir." The old lord dies suddenly and it looks as if Harborton and his wife are for hard times. But the long kept secret of Clarice's parentage is now divulged and she is able to supply for every one. There is much good character drawing and the developments in Clarice and her headstrong husband are most interesting to watch. They come out of their ordeal a splendid pair.

Amazons, by J. L. SAIN. London, George Bell and Sons.

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MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

Miscellaneous

10 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of China Bronzes,
Jade & Ivory, etc., at No. 13, Peak
Road (Upper 4th fl.).

Meeting.

6.45 p.m.—Meeting of Kowloon Bowling
Green Club at the Club House.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Boxing at City Hall.

General Memoranda.

Wednesday, March 31.—

5 p.m.—Auction of 100 pairs of Fancy
Pigeons, at the gardens of Kowloon
Hotel Kowloon.

Boat Regatta Sports.

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this date subject to rent.

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Saturday, April 3.—

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island
Cement Co., Ltd., at Messrs Shevan,
Tenne Co.'s Office.

North—Meeting of China & Manila Steam
Ship Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1909.

GERMAN FINANCE.

REUTER informed us last evening that

the sensation of the hour in Europe is

the breaking up of Prince von Bismarck's

famous Bloc, by which in recent years

he has carried his policies through the

Reichstag. In consequence of their in-

ability to find an exit from Germany's

financial tangles this political coalition

has fallen to pieces and has thus set

loose rumours that the German

Chancellor will have to give place to

Count von Wedel. Prince von Bismarck

has been so frequently dismissed from

office of late by the journalists of

Europe that we are rather sceptical

regarding that portion of the cablegram

dealing with His Excellency, but the

same cannot be written concerning the

financial crisis which now confronts the

German Empire. It has long been

known that while the prosperity of the

nation has advanced very greatly, the

State has found increasing difficulty in

keeping expenditures down to the level

of receipts, with the result that every

year a deficit has been created which

none of the official financiers have had

the courage to tackle. But a crisis

has now arisen, for the financial

troubles of the State have led to

troubles in industrial circles.

According to an article in the *Frank-*

furter Zeitung, "many industries have

come to a standstill and many banks

have failed during the past year, while

thousands are out of work. There have

been large failures in various trades

—building, textile, pottery, and the

chemical industry. The great potash

(kali) industry has been heavily over-

capitalized. There has been a serious

depression in the prices, profits, and

dividends of various kail companies.

Retalatory tariffs have increased the

duty on iron and hampered the exports

of cutlery and steel goods." All this

makes very gloomy reading, and the

impression thus conveyed is only

deepened on perusing what Dr. Harnack,

editor of the *Berliner Monatshefte*, one of

the most important of German financial

papers has to say on the same subject.

"Rarely, if ever," declares this high

authority, "has there prevailed in Ger-

many so profound and general a state

of depression with regard to financial and

economic conditions as exists to-day.

The consequences of the Reichstag's

action are, therefore, of the gravest im-

portance for the future of the Empire.

Dr. Harnack goes on to say:—"It is not,

however, significant enough that Herr

von Bismarck, who has only just become

Chancellor of the Imperial Exchequer,

is already said to be tired of his duties

and to have threatened resignation? Such

rumours have been promptly

denied, and they may be false, but they

serve to show how confused and

apprehensive is the state of the public

mind with regard to finance, and how

uncertain is the future. To this state

of uncertainty another factor must be

added. Public confidence in the wis-

dom of official financial proposals has

been severely shaken by the complete

failure of the so-called smaller imperial

finance-reform measures which were

inaugurated only two years ago, and of

which the principal clauses are now to be

abolished. And yet who can doubt but

that it would be of the very greatest im-

portance to the country, and especially

for industrial and commercial interests,

to know exactly and at once how the

new scheme of taxation will look when

it passes into law? Let me quote only

one instance—the tax on artificial light

and its appliances—to show how deeply

interested large branches of industry

must be in the coming legislation."

Details of the existing difficulties are

stated by the *London Economist*, which

says that already the Imperial Budget

subsists on borrowed money. The new

taxation will not cover the Prussian

deficit, and the writer justifies Prince

von Bismarck's counsel of frugality,

although the Socialists answer it by

pointing to "naval and military extra-

vagance."

A few illustrations may be cited from

The Economist of the difficulties in Im-

perial and State finance. "The Imperial

Budget is only balanced by a loan of

£10,154,000; and without the proposed

new taxation the deficits for the next

five years would be some £20,000,000

annually. The Prussian Budget a few

years ago showed large surpluses; now

there is a deficit which will not be

wholly covered by the £8,250,000 of

new taxes proposed by the Prussian

Government; and the Finance Minister

has declined to contemplate the burden

which would be entailed by the refusal

of the Reichstag to wipe out the

outstanding matricular contributions in

1909. If this relief is not forthcoming,

Bavaria will have to increase taxation

by £1,000,000 a year. Württemberg

shows a heavy deficit, mainly due to

education and the rise in official salaries.

The smaller and poorer States, of whose

domestic affairs we seldom hear any-

thing, must be suffering even more

severely; it is on some of these that the

crisis in the kail industry comes

heaviest, and it seems very doubtful if

the strain will be relaxed. Under these

circumstances, it is hardly surprising

that Prince von Bismarck should have

recommended retrenchment and a return

to the old Prussian habits of economy,

both in private life and in the public

service. The full report of his speech

shows that he advocated administrative

economies in both Army and Navy.

We firmly believe that Germany will

emerge from her present difficulties

stronger than ever, for we feel sure that

she can find within her pale the men

who will straighten out the financial

tangle and set her feet once more on the

path of untrammelled progress. But

all this of course lies in the future.

Meanwhile the embarrassment of Prince

von Bismarck must be very acute and the

steps which he will take to extricate the

Imperial Budget will be watched with

the keenest interest, for they are bound

to be fraught with far-reaching poten-

tialities for good or ill.

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VOLUNTEER INSPECTION.

By Major General Broadwood.

At Causeway Bay this afternoon the an-

ual inspection of the Hongkong Volunteer

Corps, by His Excellency Major General

Broadwood, took place.

There was a good muster under the com-

mand of Lieut-Colonel Chapman, V

